

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF SHERIFFS & POLICE CHIEFS

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INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION



Resolution #2010-01

WHEREAS, the Executive Board of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs met on March 18, 2010;

And WHEREAS, the Honorable Governor of Washington State, Christine O. Gregoire, has requested the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs to review, improve and adopt the resolution to the Interstate Compact Commission supporting rule changes requested by the State of Washington;

and WHEREAS Maurice Clemmons, a felon convicted under the laws of Alabama had his supervision transferred to Washington State pursuant to the rules adopted by the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision;

and WHEREAS on the morning of Sunday, November 29, 2009 Maurice Clemmons executed Lakewood police Sgt. Mark Renniger and Lakewood police officers Tina Griswold, Gregory Richards and Ronnie Owens as they were preparing for their shift;

and WHEREAS a thorough and comprehensive review that followed this tragedy revealed that Washington State was unacceptably hampered in its ability to effectively accept, receive and manage Maurice Clemmons and other offenders for supervision in Washington pursuant to the Compact;

and WHEREAS it is of great significance that Washington had very little ability to terminate Maurice Clemmons' supervision and return him to Alabama when it became obvious that he constituted a threat and could no longer be safely supervised;

and WHEREAS the state sending Maurice Clemmons had very little obligation to retake jurisdiction and supervision of the offender;

and WHEREAS the existing rules that govern the interstate transfer of adult offenders for the purposes of supervision require states to accept the transfer of supervision if only minimal requirements are met;

and WHEREAS the transfer of offenders between states is initiated by sending an application, currently required to include only basic information such as the crime for which the offender is under supervision, but not other criminal history or information such as mental health history or risk assessments;

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and WHEREAS prior to transfer of offenders between states the receiving state is not currently provided with all information the sending state has access to, including mental health records and such records are necessary for proper supervision of offenders and imperative to ensuring the public safety;

and WHEREAS the existing ICAOS rules dictate the very limited circumstances under which an offender can be returned to the sending state and under what conditions the sending state is required to retake an offender whose supervision has been transferred;

and WHEREAS a receiving state does not currently have the proper authority to protect its interests of community safety when the receiving state determines that returning the offender to the sending state or compelling the sending state to retake the offender is the best means to maintain public safety;

and WHEREAS the rules that govern the interstate transfer of supervision of adult offenders must be rebalanced so that the receiving state has the same information regarding an offender and authority over an offender transferred for supervision as does the sending state;

and WHEREAS while Washington wishes to continue to be a member of the ICAOS but the transfer of offenders between states with such minimal information and lack of control by the receiving state is no longer acceptable to the State of Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Board of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs strongly supports Washington State's passage of SJR 8026 and its request to the Interstate Compact to improve its rulemaking to further the purposes of the Act and supports and encourages Governor Gregoire's endeavors to seek amendments to the rules governing the Interstate Compact.

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Authorizing Tribal Police Officers to Act as General Authority Washington State Peace Officers



Resolution #2010-02

WHEREAS, the members of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs are assembled for the annual Fall Conference at the Campbell's Resort in Chelan, Washington, November 17, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature enacted Chapter 224, Laws of 2008 (EHB 2476) in 2008; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies, to which 10.92 applies, may choose to implement the provisions of Chapter 224, Laws of 2008 and enter into interlocal agreements pursuant to the law; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies, to which 10.92 applies, may be in need of general guidance regarding the provisions of the new law and potential provisions of an interlocal agreement; and

WHEREAS, WASPC has engaged its membership and other stakeholders in the policy development process for the purpose of assisting WASPC members that elect to implement the 2008 legislation; and

WHEREAS, the WASPC Model Policy Committee has developed and recommended the model policy regarding Authorizing Tribal Police Officers to act as General Authority Washington State Peace Officers and guidelines regarding creation of a sample interlocal pursuant to the model policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the membership of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs supports and adopts the following model policy:

- Authorizing Tribal Police Officers to act as General Authority Washington State Peace Officers

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